

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Support for the changes to claim 1 is found at page 5 and in Figure 1.

Request for Entry of Changes to Claim 1

It is respectfully requested that the changes to claim 1 be entered of record. These changes to claim 1 are submitted in order to clarify the claim language in response to the points raised in the Final Office Action regarding the position of the Examiner about the interpretation of previously submitted claim 1. That is, applicant's representative believes that previously submitted claim 1 reciting that "concave portions" on the core surface "corresponding" to dimples on the cover described the embodiments shown in Figure 1 of the present application as distinguished from the Sullivan '364 (USP 6,773,364) reference, but this interpretation did not correspond with the interpretation of the Patent Examiner. Rather, the Examiner has pointed out in the Final Office Action of February 22, 2005, that the claim should also specify "alignment". Thus, claim 1 has been amended so as to clearly specify alignment. Consequently, it is submitted that these changes to claim 1 could not have been earlier presented in view of the different interpretation of previous claim 1 by applicant's representative and by the Examiner. It is further submitted that these changes to claim 1 raise no new significant

issues and at least place the claims into better form for consideration on appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Therefore, it is requested that these changes to claim 1 be entered under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

#### Allowable Claims

Claims 8-11 have been indicated as being allowable and have merely been objected to as depending upon a rejected base claim.

#### Issues Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1, 6, 7, 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sullivan '364.

The above-noted rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

#### Distinctions between Present Invention and Sullivan '364

Sullivan '364 discloses a golf ball **10** having an inner core **12** which is encompassed by an intermediate layer **14** and a cover **16** with dimples **18** as shown in Figure 1a. The intermediate layer **14** includes projections **20** and **22** as shown in Figure 1a and Figures 2a - 2e. The projections may take a variety of shapes as described at column 2, lines 44-51 and column 5, lines 59-65.

Sullivan '364 fails to disclose a golf ball having a cover with dimples, wherein the concave dimple portions on the cover correspond to and align with concave dimple portions on the core. Sullivan '364 also fails to disclose a golf ball having a cover wherein convex portions on the inner surface of the cover correspond to the concave portions of the dimples on the outer surface of the cover as in the present invention.

Consequently, significant patentable distinctions exist between the present invention and Sullivan '364, such that the above-noted rejection based on Sullivan '364 should be withdrawn.

#### Conclusion

It is submitted for the reasons stated above that the present claims define patentable subject matter such that this application should now be placed condition for allowance.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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